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1958.



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Principal School Medical Officer



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Educational Psychologist:

Dean F. Juniper, B.A. (Ceased duty 31.1.58).

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Psychiatric Social Worker:

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Miss D. Horsley. (Dental Attendant Clerk). (Ceased duty 31.5.58).

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Mrs. D. M. Meade. (Child Guidance Clinic).

To the Chairman and Members of
THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of the School Health Service for the year ended December 31st 1958. The statistical tables embodied in the Report have been prepared in the form approved by the Ministry of Education.

The medical staff remained the same throughout the year.

Although the number of Dental Officers remained below establishment the position was eased somewhat by the appointment of Mr. Hurst on a part-time basis for three sessions a week.

Mr. Juniper, the Educational Psychologist ceased duties on the 31st January and was succeeded by Mr. Cashdan in July. After being without a Speech Therapist for over a year the Authority by showing considerable wisdom on the question of salary, obtained the services of a new Speech Therapist, Mr. Francis, who commenced duties in September. The Speech Therapist's services are shared with Halifax, Huddersfield having 7/11ths of his time.

The physiotherapy service continued to expand during the year and in February the staff was augmented by a part-time physiotherapist, Mrs. B. Walker.

Routine medical inspection continued throughout the year. the administration of the service was amended in so far as the time of year in which the various types of schools were examined was altered. In order to secure that new entrants to schools were examined as soon as possible after their admission, the medical examinations at infants schools were carried out in the Autumn Term. This has not been the practice in previous years. The result of this change is reflected in the increased number of infants examined in 1958 compared with previous years.

Comment on the findings at routine medical inspection and in respect of the various tables is given in the body of the Report.

Following comments in the 1957 Report on foot defects in girls, a pamphlet was prepared and distributed to all girls in secondary schools. Lectures have also been given by the Principal School Medical Officer and the physiotherapist to girls in several of the Secondary Modern Schools. A great interest has been shown at the lectures but whether the advice given has really achieved its' object, time alone can tell.

Of the infectious diseases, dysentery again proved a nuisance during the year. As previously it created an administrative problem out of all proportion to the severity of the complaint. 124 cases of scarlet fever are known to have occurred, but this disease is now rarely severe. There was no large number of cases of any other type of infectious disease during the year.

The Principal School Dental Officer's Report continues to be a little more encouraging than in previous years. Mr. Shield's makes the point that the acceptance rate for treatment following routine inspections was high; most parents were willing to accept comprehensive treatment offered; that there is a changed attitude to the filling of primary teeth and that an increasing number of parents bring their children regularly for examination. To offset the tone of optimism however an investigation of the incidence of dental decay amongst five year old entrants to infants schools revealed that from a primary dentition of 20 teeth, on an average of 3 - 4 teeth were either decayed, missing or filled in each child.

In submitting this report I would wish to express my thanks to all the staff of the School Health Service for their work throughout the year and to the Chief Education Officer for his co-operation and to his staff for their help. I would also like to thank the Committee for their courtesy and encouragement extended on all possible occasions.

Yours faithfully,

R. G. DAVIES,

Principal School Medical Officer

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
HUDDERSFIELD,
2.3.59

County Borough of Huddersfield.

MEDICAL INSPECTION
OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

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SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

Primary	42
Secondary Modern	9
Selective Secondary	5

THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE IN RELATION TO
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Routine Examinations :—The following table shows the number of children examined during the year in the age groups subject to periodic medical inspection :—

PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Entrants (Primary Schools)	...	...	2494
Intermediates	...	...	2030
Leavers (Primary and Secondary Modern Schools)	...	...	1224
Leavers (Selective Secondary Schools)	...	...	288
Total			6036

OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	5849
Number of Re-inspections	...	...	1546
Total			7395

FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION

(a) PHYSICAL CONDITION. The classification of physical condition varies a little from 1957 more children being classified as Satisfactory. Out of the total of 6036 children examined at medical inspection during the year, 6029 were classified in the Satisfactory group and 7 in the Unsatisfactory group.

(b) MINOR AILMENTS AND DISEASES OF THE SKIN. Treatment of minor ailments is carried out at the school clinic, and a table showing the nature and number of defects dealt with is given later in the report. This table shows that out of 4886 attendances, 2362 were made by children suffering from minor skin diseases and 528 cases were dealt with during the year.

The following figures show the number of cases of skin diseases dealt with during 1958 compared with 1957:—

						1957	1958
Ringworm: Head	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Body	...	...	...	...	9	2	2
Scabies	...	...	...	...	7	2	2
Impetigo	...	...	...	...	76	57	57
Other Skin Diseases (Non-Tuberculosis)	...	...	...	...	530	467	467

The total number of attendances at the School Clinic was 4886 compared with 4272.

(c) VISUAL DEFECTS AND EXTERNAL EYE DISEASES. The following figures show the number of cases of defective vision (excluding strabismus) found at medical inspection to require treatment during recent years:—

Year	Number
1954	694
1955	766
1956	796
1957	845
1958	786

The number of cases of external eye disease found at medical inspection to require treatment is shown by the following figures:—

						1957	1958
Blepharitis	...	...	...	...	...	4	10
Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	...	3	5
Corneal Opacities	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Conditions (excluding defective vision and squint)	...	...	...	...	...	17	18
Total						24	33

(d) NOSE AND THROAT DEFECTS. The commonest defect of this kind was chronic tonsillitis. Cases found were as follows:—

	1957	1958
Chronic tonsillitis only	63	103
Adenoids... ..	2	6
Chronic tonsillitis and adenoids	12	54
Other Conditions	22	16
Total	99	179

(e) EAR DISEASE AND DEFECTIVE HEARING. 97 cases of ear defects requiring treatment were found at medical inspection during the year. They were classified as follows:—

	1957	1958
Defective hearing	27	57
Otitis Media	18	29
Other Conditions	13	11
Total	58	97

(f) DENTAL DEFECTS. The percentage of children referred for treatment on account of dental defects was 7.19%. Dental inspections are carried out at the schools by the dental Officers as staffing permits.

(g) ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS. 314 cases of orthopaedic and postural defects requiring specialised treatment were found at medical inspection during the year, and 95 cases with minor degrees of deformity or malposture were referred for observation.

(h) HEART DISEASE. Five cases of heart disease were found during 1958.

(i) ANAEMIA. No cases of simple anaemia were found to require treatment during the year.

(j) TUBERCULOSIS. 1 case of tuberculosis was noted at the routine medical inspections held during 1958.

HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS.

(Children aged 5, 10 and 14 years medically inspected during 1958.)

Age Years	Number examined		Average Weight lbs.		Average Height ins.	
	1948	1958	1948	1958	1948	1958
5 (Boys)	333	969 (623)	44.00	43.34 (43.47)	44.59	43.53 (43.72)
5 (Girls)	270	887 (577)	43.10	41.88 (41.85)	43.55	43.26 (43.27)
10 (Boys)	—	182 (228)	—	72.55 (70.36)	—	54.05 (53.89)
10 (Girls)	—	186 (202)	—	71.15 (71.22)	—	53.53 (53.90)
14 (Boys)	—	352 (530)	—	110.00 (107.59)	—	63.33 (62.95)
14 (Girls)	—	292 (516)	—	113.00 (110.42)	—	62.00 (62.38)

These figures show little change when compared with the previous year.

The figures in brackets show the heights and weights for the previous year and the corresponding figures for ten years ago, where available, are given for comparison.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT OF SCHOOL ENTRANTS (5 YEARS).

Year	B O Y S		G I R L S	
	Weight	Height	Weight	Height
1912	38.68	40.68	37.74	40.44
1929	41.53	43.32	40.53	42.72
1943	42.13	43.54	41.34	41.77
1948	44.00	44.59	43.10	43.55
1953	44.27	44.16	42.72	43.71
1958	43.34	43.53	41.88	43.26

In view of the recently published figures for the country in general it is interesting to note that children entering school today are approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. heavier and $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. taller than similar children some 50 years ago.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXAMINED AT ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTION
DURING 1958 AND FOUND TO HAVE HAD TONSILLECTOMY

BOYS

Age Groups Inspected	Number examined	Tonsil- lectomy	Percent.
Entrants—Primary Schools	1292	59	4.57
Intermediates	976	190	19.47
Leavers —Primary and S.M.	639	108	16.90
Leavers —Selective Secondary	145	21	14.48

GIRLS

Age Groups Inspected	Number examined	Tonsil- lectomy	Percent.
Entrants—Primary Schools	1202	34	2.83
Intermediates	1054	171	16.22
Leavers —Primary and S.M.	585	94	16.07
Leavers —Selective Secondary	143	17	11.89

FOLLOWING UP

During the year the School Nurses paid 192 visits to homes of children and 784 visits to schools compared with 129 visits to homes and 715 visits to schools in the previous year. During the past year “follow up” visits were paid only to those cases which in the opinion of the School Medical Officer really needed them. The following table is a summary of their work :—

NUMBER OF DEFECTS FOLLOWED-UP
BY SCHOOL NURSES.

<i>Defect.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Defect</i>	<i>No.</i>
MALNUTRITION.. .. . 2		DEFECTIVE SPEECH 5	
UNCLEANLINESS—		DEFECTIVE TEETH 6	
Head 289		HEART CONDITION —	
Body 13		ANAEMIA —	
SKIN 18		LUNGS 2	
EYE—		TUBERCULOSIS—	
Blepharitis —		Pulmonary —	
Conjunctivitis —		Non-Pulmonary Bones and	
Corneal opacities —		Joints —	
Defective Vision 169		NERVOUS SYSTEM—	
Squint 22		Epilepsy —	
Other Conditions 29		Chorea —	
EAR—		Other Conditions 4	
Defective Hearing 3		DEFORMITIES 8	
Otitis Media 1		PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT 8	
Other Conditions 1		PSYCHOLOGICAL 1	
NOSE AND THROAT 7		ABDOMEN 2	
GOITRE —		OTHER DEFECTS & DISEASES 39	
ENLARGED CERVICAL GLANDS —			
			Total.. 629

633 Clinic sessions were worked by School nurses in the last nine months of 1958.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TREATMENT.

Treatment is carried out at the following School Health Service Clinics, all of which are held at Central Clinic premises in Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, with the exception of the Child Guidance Clinic, "The Headlands," Clare Hill, Huddersfield, where the Speech Clinic is also held. The number of sessions held are included in the data dealing with individual clinics.

Child Guidance Clinic.

Dental Clinic.

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic.

Ophthalmic Clinic.

Orthopaedic Clinic.

Physiotherapy Clinic.

School Clinic

Skin Clinic.

Speech Clinic.

Ultra Violet Light Clinic.

The following tables show the number of cases dealt with and the number of attendances at these Clinics. Reports on the Child Guidance Clinic and the Dental Clinics will be found at the end of this Report.

PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

Number of Clinics held 650

Cause of Defect	On treatment at beginning of year	New Cases	Cause			No. discontinued during year	Total Attendances
			Orthopaedic Clinic	RMI.	Other		
CONGENITAL:							
C.D.H.	—	2	2	—	—	2	11
Club Feet	10	5	5	—	—	3	402
Cerebral Palsy	3	5	5	—	—	2	96
Spina Bifida	3	2	2	—	—	—	38
Flat Foot	—	5	5	—	—	5	111
Scoliosis	—	3	3	—	—	3	84
Undifferentiated	12	6	5	1	—	5	184
ACQUIRED CONDITIONS:							
A.P.M.	9	10	10	—	—	4	473
CHEST CONDITIONS	28	48	6	30	12	51	727
POSTURAL DEFORMITIES:							
Curly Toes	44	74	30	29	15	69	1311
Hallux Valgus	35	82	26	39	17	77	1199
Pes Cavus	14	8	7	—	2	10	390
Pes Planus	101	181	62	86	32	165	3121
Poor Posture	18	30	6	24	—	34	391
Kyphosis	1	6	3	3	—	2	64
Genu Valgum	9	46	12	26	8	38	434
Genu Varum	2	—	—	—	—	2	31
BIRTH INJURY							
Spastic Hemiplegia	—	3	3	—	—	1	18
Torticollis	1	1	1	—	—	2	26
Other	—	2	2	—	—	—	17
PERTHES DISEASE	1	2	2	—	—	1	27
OSTEOCHONDritis	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
ACCIDENT	—	5	2	1	2	5	55
OTHER	3	25	20	2	3	17	357
U.V.L... .. .	1	1	—	—	1	2	17
TOTALS	296	552	219	241	92	501	9584
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER CLINIC	0.46	0.85	0.34	0.37	0.14	0.77	14.74

The appointment of a part time Physiotherapist last February, cut the waiting list from an average of 120 down to 50 children. Also it has been possible to give individual treatment to the more severe conditions such as A.P.M., cerebral palsy, club feet etc.

There are still a large number of children attending with foot complaints which are treated in classes whose numbers range from 5 to 30 according to the facilities offered by different schools.

To encourage teenage girls to become foot conscious and wear more suitable shoes, talks and film shows have been given each term end at some of the secondary schools, where possible by the Medical Officer of Health. Every girl over the age of eleven was given a personal pamphlet explaining the importance of correct footwear.

The Physiotherapists have now taken over the Ultra Violet Light department and owing to the large waiting list and lack of sunshine in 1958, it was continued right through the summer months.

OPHTHALMIC CLINIC.

Number of Clinics held 126

Defect or Disease					New Cases	No. of these referred from S.M.I.	Total Attendances	Referred elsewhere for treatment
EYE								
Blepharitis	...	...	...	...	8	2	8	—
Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	—
Keratitis	...	...	...	...	1	—	1	1
Corneal Opacities	...	...	...	...	1	—	1	—
Defective Vision	...	...	...	...	1102	100	1107	1
Squint	...	...	...	...	336	9	336	6
Other Conditions	...	...	...	...	70	2	70	—
TOTAL					1519	114	1524	8
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER CLINIC					12.06	0.90	12.10	0.06

The attendance at this clinic remained more or less constant. The number of cases referred in respect of defective vision showed some increase on the previous year.

SCHOOL CLINIC.

Number of Clinics held 302

Defect or Disease	New Cases	No of these referred from S.M.I.	Total Attendances	Referred elsewhere for treatment.
UNCLEANLINESS	212	1	788	—
SKIN—Athletes Foot	13	1	32	1
Boils and Abscesses	24	—	84	2
Eczema	10	—	14	1
Impetigo	57	1	185	—
Ringworm—Head	—	—	—	—
Body	2	—	8	—
Scabies	2	—	4	1
Urticaria	17	—	20	1
Warts and Verrucae	224	26	1587	8
Other (Non T.B.)	176	7	428	13
Minor Injuries	169	1	382	43
EYE—Blepharitis	18	2	27	—
Conjunctivitis	18	3	35	—
Defective Vision	68	—	68	8
Squint	1	—	1	1
Other Conditions	94	2	106	9
EAR—Defective Hearing	22	6	29	4
Otitis Media	11	—	16	1
Other Conditions	68	4	103	12
NOSE AND THROAT—				
Enlarged Tonsils	3	—	3	2
Adenoids	2	—	2	—
Tonsils and Adenoids	7	—	7	1
Other	48	1	59	7
ENLARGED CERVICAL GLANDS	8	—	8	1
DEFECTIVE SPEECH	14	—	14	3
DEFECTIVE TEETH	2	—	2	—
HEART DISEASE	—	—	—	—
LUNGS—Bronchitis	2	—	2	—
Other (Non T.B.)	28	1	35	1
NERVOUS SYSTEM—Epilepsy	—	—	—	—
Other conditions	84	26	129	9
DEFORMITIES —Pes Planus	2	—	2	1
Other Conditions	53	—	55	4
OTHER DEFECTS AND DISEASES	554	38	651	51
TOTAL	2013	120	4886	185
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER CLINIC	6.67	0.40	16.18	0.61

The numbers attending the school clinic showed an increase and there was also an increase in the average numbers of attendances at the clinic. The main single items for which children attended the clinic were for uncleanliness and warts and verrucae. The main conditions causing attendance were various skin conditions and minor injuries.

DISEASES OF THE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Number of Clinics held 10

Defect or Disease	New Cases	No. of these referred from SMI.	Total Attendances	Referred to Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield for:—		
				Operation	X-ray	Other
EAR :						
Defective Hearing ...	18	3	22	—	—	8
Otitis Media ...	8	2	9	2	—	3
Other Conditions ...	9	5	10	1	—	2
NOSE AND THROAT :						
Enlarged Tonsils ...	49	33	54	48	1	—
Adenoids ...	3	3	3	2	—	—
Tonsils and Adenoids ...	22	13	23	21	—	—
Other Conditions ...	23	10	30	1	7	5
TOTAL ...	132	69	151	75	8	18
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER CLINIC ...	13.20	6.90	15.10	7.50	0.80	1.80

The number of attendances at the Ear, Nose and Throat clinic showed an increase as against the previous year. Cases of enlarged tonsils still show an increase as do all other defects.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC.

Number of Clinics held 53

	Type of Defect	New Cases	No. referred from S.M.I.	Total Attendances
Congenital:	Dislocation of Hips	2	1	13
	Club Feet	2	—	37
	Cerebral Palsy	2	—	8
	Spina Bifida	—	—	11
	Undifferentiated	53	—	56
Acquired:	Anterior Poliomyelitis	2	—	58
	Other paresis of limbs	—	—	2
	Tuberculosis: Bone	1	—	1
	Joint	—	—	1
	Postural deformities:			
	Kyphosis	1	—	2
	Pes Cavus	7	—	24
	Pes Planus	39	13	152
	Poor Posture	6	2	20
	Scoliosis	1	—	16
	Genu Valgum	21	1	83
	Genu Varum	5	—	20
	Deformity of Chest	—	—	27
	Birth Injury:			
	Erb's Palsy	1	—	2
	Spastic Hemiplegia	—	—	17
	Torticollis	1	—	13
	Other	—	—	4
	Perthe's Disease	1	—	7
	Osteochondritis	—	—	9
	Osteomyelitis..	2	—	14
	Accident... ..	11	1	30
	Other	126	44	635
	Total	236	62	1262
	Average attendance per Clinic ...	4.45	1.17	23.81

Number of children recommended In-patient treatment ... 24
 Out-patient treatment (Massage and Exercises) 10
 Number of children referred for X-ray 74
 Number of children recommended new appliances or alterations
 to old appliances 57
 Number of children recommended other treatment 15

ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT CLINIC

Number of Clinics held 81

Defect or Disease	New Cases	Refd. from own Dr.	Refd. from S.M.I.	Total Attendances
Malnutrition	—	—	—	—
Skin: Acne	1	—	—	25
Boils	4	—	—	60
Other Conditions	12	—	7	195
Enlarged Cervical Glands	1	—	—	23
Lungs: Bronchitis	6	1	4	146
other non T.B.	32	5	14	549
Other Defects and Diseases	43	5	10	646
TOTAL	99	11	35	1644
Average Attendance per Clinic	1.22	0.14	0.43	20.30

IMMUNISATION CLINIC

Immunisation clinics were held as usual during the year. The following figures show the number of children dealt with :—

Number of school children immunised against :—

Diphtheria	1732
Diphtheria and Pertussis combined	220
Pertussis	72

At the end of 1958 it was estimated that 96.50% of the children between the ages of five and fourteen, and 62.98% of the children between the ages of one and four, and 6.02% of the children under one year, had received this protection against Diphtheria.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

95 medical examinations for the purpose of completing Forms 10R (Med), 4 R.T.C., and 28 R.Q. were carried out during the year by the School Health Service.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (NOTIFIABLE)

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases as occurring amongst children aged five to fifteen years, notified during the last five years.

				1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	113	60	86	112	124
Measles	...	...	...	279	917	108	1239	6
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	85	124	152	8	34
Dysentery	...	...	...	67	541	204	152	292
Pneumonia	...	...	...	6	8	5	12	11
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary	...			8	1	3	1	2
Non-Pulmonary	...			5	1	4	5	3
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...		—	5	1	—	7
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis			...	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
Salmonellosis	...	...	...	2	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	...	...		—	2	1	—	—
Para-typhoid	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning		...	...	2	13	22	7	8

292 cases of dysentery in children of school age were notified during the year and 7 of poliomyelitis. Apart from these the number of notified cases of infectious diseases in school children was low.

HANDICAPPED PUPILS

DEFECT	SPECIAL SCHOOLS				Pupils as- certained during 1958	Total No. now known in Borough 31.12.58	Number at Special Schools 31.12.58
BLIND:					—	4	1
	Condoover Hall, Shrewsbury	..	..	1			
PARTIALLY SIGHTED:					—	3	2
	Exhall Grange, Coventry	..	..	1			
	Preston School for partially sighted	..	..	1			
DEAF:					—	6	6
	Odsal House, Bradford	..	..	3			
	Royal School for Deaf, Doncaster	..	..	1			
	St. John's Boston Spa,	..	..	1			
	School for Deaf, Leeds	..	..	1			
PARTIALLY DEAF:					1	16	15
	Odsal House, Bradford	..	..	11			
	Yorks School for Deaf, Doncaster	..	..	1			
	School for Deaf, Boston Spa	..	..	1			
	Bridge House, Harewood	..	..	2			
DELICATE:					11	11	7
	St. Catherine's, Ventnor	..	..	5			
	St. Vincent's, St. Leonards-on-Sea	..	..	1			
	Convalescent Home, West Kirby	..	..	1			
EDUCATIONALLY SUBNORMAL:					21	161	151
	Woodhouse School, Huddersfield	..	..	140			
	East Hill School, Sheffield	..	..	1			
	Crowthorne, Bolton	..	..	5			
	Etton Pasture, Nr. Beverley	..	..	2			
	Besford Court, Nr. Worcester	..	..	2			
	Royd Edge, Meltham	..	..	1			
EPILEPTIC:					3	6	5
	Colthurst House, Alderley Edge	..	..	3			
	Lingfield Epileptic Colony	..	..	2			
E.S.N. & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED					—	1	—
E.S.N. & MALADJUSTED:					—	1	1
	Fyling Hall, Whitby	..	..	1			
MALADJUSTED:					2	4	3
	St. Peter's, Horbury	..	..	2			
	Clwyd Hall	..	..	1			
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED:					4	15	8
	Ian Tetley Home, Harrogate	..	..	1			
	Heritage Craft, Chailey	..	..	1			
	Holly Bank, Huddersfield	..	..	3			
	Welburn Hall, Kirbymoorside	..	..	2			
	Derwen Cripples Training College	..	..	1			
TOTAL					42	238	199

HANDICAPPED PUPILS

During 1958, 106 children were referred for special examination by the School Medical Officers, in order to ascertain whether they were educationally subnormal, or had a more severe mental handicap. The results of such examinations were as follows :—

Educationally Subnormal :—

requiring education in a special school	21
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No disability of mind :—

considered suitable for education in an ordinary school...	61
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Mentally Deficient :—

Notified to Mental Deficiency Committee under Sub-section 3 of Section 57 of the Education Act, 1944	...	13
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Feeble Minded	...	—
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Imbecile	...	8
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Idiot	...	5
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Notified to Mental Deficiency Committee under Sub-section 5 of Section 57 of the Education Act 1944	...	11
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Feeble Minded	...	11
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REPORT ON SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE

Total number of meals served during 1958	1,869,221
Average number of meals per day	...	...	9,786
Approximate number of children taking school meals	...	10,135	
Approximate number of children taking school milk	...	14,872	
Average number of children on roll	...	...	18,779
Average % children taking school meals	...	...	54.00
Average % of children taking school milk	...	...	79.00

MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Year ended 31st December, 1958

PART I.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING
MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

(INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

TABLE A—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		SATISFACTORY		UNSATISFACTORY	
		No.	% of Col. 2	No.	% of Col. 2
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1954 and later	—	—	—	—	—
1953	1446	1446	100.00	—	—
1952	919	916	99.67	3	0.33
1951	70	70	100.00	—	—
1950	32	32	100.00	—	—
1949	27	27	100.00	—	—
1948	1889	1886	99.84	3	0.16
1947	113	113	100.00	—	—
1946	22	22	100.00	—	—
1945	418	418	100.00	—	—
1944	742	741	99.87	1	0.13
1943 and earlier	358	358	100.00	—	—
TOTAL	6036	6029	99.90	7	0.12

TABLE B—PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT
Number of Individual Pupils found at Periodic Medical
Inspection to require treatment (excluding Dental Diseases
and Infestation with Vermin).

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth) (1)	For Defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Part 11 (3)	Total individual pupils (4)
1954 and later	—	—	—
1953	52	239	270
1952	20	172	177
1951	4	17	19
1950	6	5	9
1949	1	8	9
1948	332	333	567
1947	24	21	43
1946	8	2	10
1945	83	54	120
1944	152	110	237
1943 and earlier	104	33	125
TOTAL	786	994	1586

TABLE C—OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	5849
Number of Re-Inspections	...	...	...	1546
Total				7395

TABLE D—INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(a)	Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	...	...	28,533
(b)	Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	...	...	...	837
(c)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2), Education Act, 1944	...	...	...	...	NIL
(d)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3), Education Act, 1944)	...	...	...	...	NIL

Because of amended systems of recording these figures they are not comparable with those in the previous year.

PART II

Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection in the Year
Ended 31st December, 1958

TABLE A—PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS							
		Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total	
		(T) (3)	(O) (4)	(T) (5)	(O) (6)	(T) (7)	(O) (8)	(T) (9)	(O) (10)
(1)	(2)								
4	Skin	25	11	24	1	58	12	107	24
5	Eyes— a. Vision	83	68	339	44	364	87	786	199
	b. Squint	69	12	13	—	48	3	130	15
	c. Other	9	1	4	1	20	1	33	3
6	Ears— a. Hearing	25	14	13	4	19	10	57	28
	b. Otitis Media	17	7	5	3	7	11	29	21
	c. Other	10	2	—	1	1	1	11	4
7	Nose and Throat	127	75	12	—	37	28	176	103
8	Speech	27	17	3	2	3	6	33	25
9	Lymphatic Glands	7	25	—	1	—	9	7	35
10	Heart	2	24	—	7	3	19	5	50
11	Lungs	25	15	5	1	5	11	35	27
12	Developmental—								
	a. Hernia	5	6	2	—	4	2	11	8
	b. Other	8	120	5	1	6	52	19	173
13	Orthopaedic—								
	a. Posture	6	4	2	4	8	6	16	14
	b. Feet	43	9	10	1	43	8	96	18
	c. Other	66	23	65	15	71	25	202	63
14	Nervous System—								
	a. Epilepsy	4	3	1	—	8	2	13	5
	b. Other	13	43	3	3	17	30	33	76
15	Psychological—								
	a. Development	5	6	34	1	23	2	62	9
	b. Stability	7	4	2	1	2	4	11	9
16	Abdomen	—	5	—	—	2	—	2	5
17	Other	15	13	7	2	9	12	31	27

TABLE B—SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	Special Inspections	
		Pupils Requiring Treatment (3)	Pupils Requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin	688	4
5	Eyes—a. Vision	1380	29
	b. Squint	409	2
	c. Other	204	2
6	Ears—a. Hearing	40	8
	b. Otitis Media	23	4
	c. Other	69	4
7	Nose and Throat	144	46
8	Speech... ..	28	12
9	Lymphatic Glands	9	16
10	Heart	7	16
11	Lungs	73	5
12	Developmental—		
	a. Hernia	4	1
	b. Other	18	40
13	Orthopaedic—		
	a. Posture	48	2
	b. Feet	40	4
	c. Other	198	10
14	Nervous System		
	a. Epilepsy	8	—
	b. Other	75	26
15	Psychological—		
	a. Development	129	4
	b. Stability	2	1
16	Abdomen	1	—
17	Other	564	4

PART III

TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSERY AND
SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

TABLE A—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	237
Errors of refraction (including squint)	3503
Total..	3740
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	2247

TABLE B—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative Treatment	
(a) for diseases of the ear	3
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	158
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	1
Received other forms of treatment	451
Total ..	613
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids ..	
(a) in 1958	1
(b) in previous years	1

TABLE C—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

	Number of cases known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinic or out-patients departments	723
(b) Pupils treated at schools for postural defects	361
Total ..	1084

TABLE D—DISEASES OF THE SKIN (excluding uncleanliness)

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Ringworm—(a) Scalp	—
(b) Body	2
Scabies	5
Impetigo	77
Other Skin diseases.. .. .	538
Total	622

TABLE E—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics.	199

TABLE F—SPEECH THERAPY

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated by Speech Therapists	102

TABLE G—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
(a) Pupils with minor ailments	733
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	—
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination	45
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above	
1. Enlarged cervical glands.	20
2. Lungs (non T.B.)	220
3. Nervous conditions	90
4. Heart	11
Totals (a)—(d)	1119

PART IV

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT BY
THE AUTHORITY

1.	Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers:—					
	(a) At Periodic Inspections	...	...	...	...	2410
	(b) As Specials	...	...	...	...	2750
					Total (1)	5160
2.	Number found to require treatment	...	...	...		4026
3.	Number offered treatment	...	...	...	...	4026
4.	Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	3449
5.	Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment including those recorded at 11 (h)	...	...	...	...	10820
6.	Half days devoted to:					
	(a) Periodic (School) Inspection					15
	(b) Treatment	...	...	...	...	1664
					Total (6)	1679
7.	Fillings:					
	(a) Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	6020
	(b) Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	711
					Total (7)	6731
8.	Number of teeth filled:					
	(a) Permanent teeth	...	...	...	...	5636
	(b) Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	620
					Total (8)	6256
9.	Extractions:					
	(a) Permanent teeth...	...	...	...	...	1563
	(b) Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	5309
					Total (9)	6872
10.	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	...				2420
11.	Orthodontics:					
	(a) Cases commenced during the year	...	...	...	...	—
	(b) Cases carried forward from previous year...	...	...	...	...	—
	(c) Cases completed during the year	...	...	...	...	—
	(d) Cases discontinued during the year	...	...	...	...	—
	(e) Pupils treated with appliances	...	...	...	...	—
	(f) Removable appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	—
	(g) Fixed appliances fitted	...	...	...	...	—
	(h) Total attendances	...	...	...	...	—
12.	Number of pupils supplied with artificial teeth	...	...	...	...	—
13.	Other operations:					
	(a) Permanent teeth	...	...	...	...	2929
	(b) Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	—
					Total (13)	2929

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

*A. B. Shields, L.D.S., R.F.P.S.**Principal School Dental Officer*

The following report has been received from the Principal School Dental Officer:—

In February the dental service obtained an additional part-time dental surgeon employed on a sessional basis, thus making the maximum establishment for the year as follows:—

- 1 Senior whole time permanent dental officer.
- 1 Assistant whole time permanent dental officer.
- 1 Assistant whole time temporary dental officer.
- 2 Part-time dental surgeons each employed for 3 sessions, of 3 hours each session, per week.
- 3 whole time clerk/dental attendants.

As the maximum permitted establishment is 5 whole time permanent dental officers, the present establishment in terms of whole time officers is 3 6/11.

During the year, routine inspections were carried out in the infant schools, where a very high incidence of dental disease was to be expected. Concurrent with the routine inspections, an investigation to find the incidence of dental decay among 5 year old entrants to the infant schools was completed by taking representative groups of children from each district of the town. This investigation revealed that from a complete primary dentition of 20 teeth, an average of 3 to 4 teeth were either decayed, missing or filled. I think you will agree that one cannot be complacent about such a situation. Because of the urgency of the situation much time is being devoted to restoring, by means of fillings, a large proportion of these primary teeth, and this is duly recorded in the figures by a marked increase in the number of primary fillings completed during the year.

It has also been possible to restore to good dental health an increased number of dental cases referred by the doctors at routine medical inspections. Many parents bring their children at 4 - 6 monthly intervals for examination, and treatment if necessary, and it is pleasing to note that the number of regular attenders increase considerably each year. The policy of giving priority to children in need of relief from pain is, and always will be, practised in this department, and no child is denied the right to immediate emergency treatment if the need arises.

And last, but by no means the least important, emphasis is laid on the necessity to eat a well balanced regulated diet combined with a high standard of oral hygiene after eating.

Each child, on completion of conservative treatment, has the teeth scaled, cleaned and polished, and is then instructed on how to maintain the dentition at the standard achieved.

In conclusion, may I briefly refer to certain encouraging trends which would suggest that the public are becoming more and more dentally conscious.

1. The acceptance rate from routine inspections is high.
2. The willingness of most parents to accept the comprehensive treatment offered.
3. The changed attitude to the filling of the primary teeth which nowadays rarely brings a refusal, while not many years ago more refusals than acceptances were the order of the day.
4. The increasing number of parents who bring their children regularly for examination, and treatment when necessary.

Now that the provision of a modern Health Centre is about to be realised, the School Dental Service looks forward with optimism to the opportunity of providing a more comprehensive service, assuming that adequate staffing is our good fortune.

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

During the year, Mr. Juniper, the Educational Psychologist, resigned to take over an appointment elsewhere. His successor, Mr. A. Cashdan, did not take up duties until July, so the clinic was without an Educational Psychologist for some 6 months.

Remedial teaching has continued throughout the year, there being 7 centres with 55 children on the roll, but there are more who need this type of remedial work.

Doctor Turgel, the Consultant Psychiatrist, has made the following comments.

"Clinical activities have continued to flourish in 1958. Therapy has been provided for a large number of active cases by taking groups of 2 - 4 children for play therapy, as well as individual work, and the Psychologist has assisted by taking over a few of these.

The rate of referral of new cases has varied somewhat, but there has always been a long waiting list. Cases on the waiting list have not, of course, been neglected. In all cases the parents are visited by the Social Worker and given advice and help by her. This frequently results in cases being closed as improved without having received full psychotherapy. It will be seen, for instance, that the Clinic in general closed 91 cases during the year, whereas the number closed by the Psychiatrist was 51. The remaining 40 will include some who were helped by the Social Worker and Psychologist, as well as a few who did not desire treatment or who left the district."

ANNUAL STATISTICS — 1958

Cases brought forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	127
New Cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Cases closed	...	...	...	...	...	...	91
Cases carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	108

TYPE OF PROBLEM FOR WHICH NEW CASES WERE REFERRED:—

Behaviour disorders (truancy, delinquency, tempers, etc.) 28

Personality disorders (fear, anxiety, moodiness, etc.) ... 25

Educational:—

(a) Diagnosis and/or advice ... 1

(b) Backwardness or retardation ... 8

Vocational Guidance ... 1

Others—(re-opened, etc.) ... 9

SOURCES OF REFERRAL OF NEW CASES:—

Principal School Medical Officer ... 56

Chief Education Officer ... 2

General Practitioner ... 3

Parents ... 6

Hospital ... 1

Probation Officer ... 1

Liaison ... 1

School ... 1

Youth Employment Officer ... 1

CASES CLOSED:—

(a) After treatment of child ... 27

(b) Parent Guidance only ... 4

(c) Through environmental changes ... 19

(d) Before treatment started ... 8

(e) Left school ... 5

Referred to other agencies (Speech Therapist, Special School, etc.), and miscellaneous ... 28

TREATMENT BY PSYCHIATRIST—1958

Cases brought forward ... 44

New cases ... 59

Cases closed ... 51

Cases carried forward ... 52

ANALYSIS OF 103 CHILDREN (66 boys, 37 girls) TREATED
BY THE PSYCHIATRIST IN 1958

A. CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO PREDOMINANT SYMPTOM

	B/fwd. from 1957		Admitted in 1958		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
1. Delinquency (lying, stealing, housebreaking truancy, sex misdemeanour)	3	—	4	—	7
2. Behaviour disorder (aggressive, defiant, out of control, negative).	12	5	7	11	35
3. Psychosomatic disorders ... (functional pains, asthma, migraine, bed-wetting, soiling)	9	2	7	6	24
4. Nervous or neurotic manifest- ations (anxiety state, including 5 cases of school phobia, sleep disorders, stammer)	4	2	6	4	16
5. Personality disorders, inadequate personalities	2	2	2	2	8
6. Educational backwardness and or general immaturity	3	—	7	3	13
	33	11	33	26	103

B. CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO AETIOLOGY

Primarily in the Child

1. Organic defects or disorders of the Central Nervous system ... (postmeningeal or spastic con- ditions)	2	1	—	2	5
2. Intellectual retardation or gen- eral immaturity	4	—	8	2	14
3. Emotional instability or Tem- peramental Abnormalities ... (including schizoid person- alities).	10	4	5	2	21
4. Emotional reactive processes					
a. Mental conflicts (including inferiority feelings, jealousy, etc).	7	2	10	10	29
b. Traumatic experiences, in- cluding early separation ...	3	1	2	2	8
c. Anti-social character formation	2	1	1	—	4

Primarily in the Environment

1. Faulty family relationships ...	—	2	4	5	11
2. Inadequate environment ...	5	—	2	3	10
3. School	—	—	1	—	1
	33	11	33	26	103

C. STATUS ON CLOSURE

Diagnosis only (1 - 3 interviews)...	...	...	...	...	10
Very much improved	...	...	...	...	3
Improved	...	...	...	...	26
Not improved	...	...	...	...	1
Lack of Co-operation	...	...	...	...	5
Referred to other agencies (Boarding School, Speech Therapist, etc.)	...	...	...	...	6

D. DISTRIBUTION OF INTELLIGENCE

I.Q. 70 or below	...	...	...	...	11	
71— 80	...	...	...	...	5	Sub-normal
81— 90	...	...	...	...	27	42%
91—110	...	...	...	...	28	Average 27%
111—120	...	...	...	...	19	
121—130	...	...	...	...	7	Superior
130 or above	...	...	...	...	6	31%

NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

				Educational Psychologist (Full time)	Psychiatric Social Worker (Full time)	Psychiatrist (Part time)
With Children...	...	...	...	241	5	830
Appointments not kept	...	...	...	30	—	150
With Parents						
At Home	...	...	...	—	212	—
At Centre	...	...	...	15	309	87
Appointments not kept	...	...	...	—	42	7
School Visits	...	...	...	74	5	—
Lectures	...	...	...	—	—	1
Other Activities						
Principal School Medical Officer	...	...	...	8	2	2
Senior School Medical Officer	...	...	...	3	1	—
Chief Education Officer	...	...	...	2	—	—
Deputy Education Officer	...	...	...	—	1	1
Superintendent Welfare Officer	...	...	...	12	—	—
Administrative Assistant	...	...	...	1	—	—
Head Teachers	...	...	...	5	—	—
Remedial Reading Teachers	...	...	...	12	—	—
Youth Employment Officer	...	...	...	1	1	—
Youth Employment Sub-Committee	...	...	...	1	—	—
Juvenile Liaison Officer	...	...	...	2	1	1
Juvenile Liaison Committee	...	...	...	4	—	—
Probation Officer	...	...	...	1	1	2
Children's Department	...	...	...	—	3	—
Physiotherapist	...	...	...	3	1	—
Clinic Visitor	...	...	...	2	1	1
Housing Manager	...	...	...	—	1	—
Club Leaders	...	...	...	—	2	—
N.S.P.C.C.	...	...	...	—	2	—
Librarian	...	...	...	1	—	—
Inter-Clinic Conference	...	...	...	—	2 days	2 days

SPEECH THERAPY

The Speech Clinic reopened on the 15th September, 1958, after a closure of eighteen months, the Waiting List was long and varied.

98 children on the Waiting List as at 15th September, 1958 have been seen and classified, and some treatment has been given, but little work has been done on children since referred.

No group therapy has been given yet, as in the majority of cases a period of individual therapy is needed before introduction to a group.

The number of children on the observation list is high and as presented statistically is deceiving, because at least thirty of these will require treatment, but with the long waiting list it is best that they be seen at three-monthly and six-monthly intervals for Parental Guidance rather than not seen at all.

A very pleasing feature is in the attendance of children for treatment; the parental co-operation is excellent, and so far there have been no failed appointments except in times of illness.

The interest and co-operation of Head Teachers has been very gratifying, as is shown by the high attendance given at three meetings held with head teachers and their staffs.

Experience shows that the present 7 sessions each week allowed for Speech Therapy, and the staffing available at present, is not sufficient to give a really efficient service.

It is hoped that the future will show in the light of experience, considerable expansion of the Speech Clinic in Huddersfield, so that it can cover all aspects of speech and language disturbance, in particular, the assessment of Defects of Hearing, and in greater co-operation with schools by more much needed visiting.

Number of children on waiting list at 15th September, 1958	122
Number of initial appointments sent for interview of Parents and children	122
Number of appointments kept	98
Number of initial appointments failed	24
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Cases under treatment, weekly or fortnightly	31
Cases under observation	48
Cases discharged	19
Cases referred from 15th September to 31 December, 1958 ...	43
Cases on waiting list at 31st December, 1958, awaiting classification and treatment	63
Cases discharged as normal in speech	4
Number of treatments given	169
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Number of schools visited	9
Number of school visits	12
Number of children seen in school	56

ANALYSIS OF CASES SEEN UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1958

Stammer	...	...	...	...	24
Stammer/Dyslalia	...	...	...	...	1
Dyslalia ...	...	...	...	...	46
Dyslalia/Partially Deaf...	...	...	...	...	5
Dyslalia/Dysphonia	...	...	...	...	2
Idioglossia	...	...	...	...	2
Dysphasia	...	...	...	...	2
Cleft Palate	...	...	...	...	2
Rhinolalia	...	...	...	...	3
No disorder found	...	...	...	...	15
Total...					<hr/> 102 <hr/>

REPORT OF THE ORGANISER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

Physical Education continues to show some progress in all its phases, but the progress is still restricted by the lack of recruitment of trained specialists, particularly women specialists, in the secondary modern schools, and teachers with an adequate background of the subject in junior schools.

The non-specialists in the secondary modern schools, upon whom the burden of physical education falls, have done an admirable job in maintaining the standard which has been established.

ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOLS

(a) PHYSICAL TRAINING

This year has seen the completion of the re-organisation of the Schools which has made provision for most of the children of secondary school age to enjoy the full facilities of a gymnasium and showers. The gymnasia at Deighton, Huddersfield High School and Huddersfield New College came into use during the year; whilst the completion of the alterations at Mount Pleasant and Fartown Secondary Schools has resulted in these schools having good gymnasium and changing facilities.

Changing for the physical training lesson is now an established fact. The provision of shoes and shorts and the encouragement to take a shower bath, have proved a useful adjunct in establishing a correct attitude to physical activity and are a practical application of training in health education.

(b) ORGANISED GAMES

Rugby shares popularity with association football as the winter game for boys, and netball with hockey for girls. As more hockey pitches will be coming into use for the secondary modern schools, it is hoped that this game will prove to be a popular winter game for girls.

Cricket as a summer game is hampered by lack of level and true wickets, and here again the new fields will provide a stimulus. Rounders has maintained its popularity as a summer game for girls, but the introduction of tennis presents a strong challenge to rounders, as five secondary modern schools had full use of their tennis courts during the year.

Considerable progress has been made throughout the year in athletics, and there is a growing interest in the schools in the less common events such as javelin, discus, shot and hurdling.

(c) SWIMMING

There has been progress in this aspect of physical education and the total number of attendances at the Ramsden Street and Cambridge Road Baths has reached the record figure of 114,338, added to which are the 8,992 attendances made at the Milnsbridge School Bath.

This year too saw the opening, in May, of the Salendine Nook School Bath where 26,239 attendances have been made.

A mile certificate was introduced as an additional swimming test this year and the standard of the remaining tests was maintained at a high level.

Borough Swimming Awards Royal Life Saving Society Awards

Learners . . .	1,231	Intermediate . . .	112
Elementary . . .	898	Bronze Medallion . . .	44
Intermediate . . .	31	Bronze Cross . . .	3
880 Yards . . .	842	Bronze Bar . . .	6
Mile . . .	530	School Instructors. . .	2
Proficiency . . .	11	Instructors . . .	4
		Award of Merit . . .	16
		Bar to Cross . . .	2
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	3,543		189
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2. PLAYING FIELDS

This year has seen approximately a further 66 acres of playing field become the responsibility of this department. A further 5 acres and an athletics track are still to be seeded at Salendine Nook. The 8 acres of the new Technical College Field need to be prepared as a playing field. The field at Longley Hall was used for the first time this season and the 8 acres at Royd House will be used as a playing field by Royds Hall Grammar School after Easter, 1959

The rehabilitation of the 3 acres at King James's has been completed and the preparation of a further 3 - 4 acres continues. The new tennis courts at Greenhead have been completed.

Moor End Playing Field is in urgent need of rehabilitation for use by Mount Pleasant Secondary School, but first it must be adequately fenced to prevent trespass and damage.

Some of the schools without playing fields of their own continue to make good use of the Leeds Road Playing Field, and 7,405 attendances were made during the year. Here it might be appropriate to thank the Parks Department for its wholehearted co-operation during the year.

3. SCHOOL GARDENS

The plan to improve school gardens which was commenced in 1956 has continued. The gardens at Longley Hall and Almondbury County Junior School gardens have been completed. A further 5 acres of gardens, most of which was at the Salendine Nook Site, came under the care of the department during the year, bringing the total area to approximately 22 acres.

4. OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The scope of these activities is growing continuously and the voluntary work of teachers in this connection deserves the highest commendation. There seems to be a reluctance on the part of young teachers entering the service to offer their services for the administrative posts in the Huddersfield Schools' Sports Association. This is to be regretted, as the few willing workers already holding positions in the Association are often saddled with more than their share of work. The Huddersfield Schools' Athletics Association is responsible for the organisation of the greater part of these activities, which include association football, netball, rounders, cricket, athletics and swimming, and is fortunate in having the services of Mr. D. G. Sykes, as its hard-working secretary. Rugby football in the junior and secondary modern schools is organised by the Huddersfield Schools' Amateur Rugby League. Huddersfield New College, which plays rugby union and association football, arranges its own fixtures with neighbouring West Riding Grammar Schools.

(a) ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Under the able secretaryship of Mr. S. Broadhead, this section has had another successful season. Twenty three schools were in membership, and from these, 36 teams were placed in four leagues, which meant that over 396 boys took part in Saturday morning games.

(b) ATHLETICS

The annual Schools' Athletics meeting was held at Leeds Road Playing Fields, and a good standard was achieved in both track and field events. All the secondary modern schools were represented. Salendine Nook Secondary School won the Boys' Trophy and Milnsbridge Secondary School won the Girls' Trophy and the Combined Trophy. The trophy for Un-reorganised Schools was gained by Stile Common.

The Yorkshire Schools' Athletics Meeting was held at Leeds where Huddersfield again put up a creditable performance which resulted in one boy and one girl representing Yorkshire in the Schools National Athletic Championships. Teams were also entered in the Yorkshire Schools Cross-Country Championships at Leeds and met with well deserved success, the Junior Team being fourth.

Mr. J. White has been the enthusiastic secretary who has done much to put this section on its feet again.

(c) CRICKET

The cricket section's activities were restricted by inclement weather and some schools were unable to complete their fixtures.

Nine schools entered the Marshall Challenge Shield, and the final was played at the Paddock Cricket Club's ground. The Town Boys' Cricket Team played two games against Oldham and only lost by a narrow margin on each occasion.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. Bell for his services as secretary of the Town Team and to Mr. E. Chambers as secretary of the Cricket Section.

(d) SWIMMING

More progress has been made by the Schools Swimming Association. This year four successful galas were held at the Cambridge Road Baths. The "Tetley" trophy was again won by Huddersfield at the Yorkshire Minor A Gala, and as a result, it was suggested that in future years Huddersfield should compete in the Open Gala against the larger Yorkshire Associations. Eleven children gained county honours against Lincolnshire and two against Northumberland and Durham at Sunderland.

The advanced training classes have continued to improve the standard of swimming in the borough and children have the opportunity of attending one of the eleven training periods which exist.

The Schools Swimming Association suffered a great loss through the tragic death of Mr. Harry Chambers who worked hard to establish swimming in the borough. Mr. T. Burgin is to be thanked for his work as secretary.

(e) NETBALL

There were three leagues arranged this year with 10 schools taking part. These were arranged as a senior league with ten teams, a junior league with ten teams and a third league of senior teams provided for friendly matches in which 4 schools took part.

In the final matches of the junior and senior leagues Milnsbridge County Secondary School were successful in winning both the Junior and Senior Trophies.

Miss C. Richardson worked hard as secretary to make the section a successful one.

(f) ROUNDERS

This section continued its summer activities successfully despite the inclement weather. There were three leagues with 26 teams taking part, providing games for 260 children. The under 13 and under 15 Tournament Trophies were won by Deighton Secondary School, and the under 11 Trophy by Dalton Junior School.

Miss D. Bell again completed a year as secretary and is to be thanked for her efforts.

(g) RUGBY

The schools Amateur Rugby League, of which Mr. T. Armitage again acted as the industrious Secretary, had a successful season. There were 17 teams which played in 3 leagues, 5 in the 13 - 15 years of age, 6 in the 11 - 13 years of age and 6 teams from Junior Schools.

A successful seven-a-side County Rally was held at Leeds Road Playing Fields at which 10 towns from Yorkshire took part.

(h) CAMPING

More interest was shown this year in camping activities. Two schools organised standing camps, whilst three parties from other schools undertook lightweight camping one in France, one in Yugoslavia and one in this country.

Excellent use has been made of the Education Committee's equipment.

5. PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN YOUTH SERVICE

Physical education continues to flourish in the Civic Youth Clubs. There has been some improvement in the boys' activities, but the girls' work is still hampered by the lack of specialists in physical education.

To combat this, a three term course of training in physical education has been instituted in an effort to train leaders. Young women who are interested in physical education and who are approaching the age of 21 and would normally leave the Youth Clubs, have been recruited for this experiment and it is to be hoped that during the coming year 8 or 10 leaders will be trained to take over some of the physical activities in Youth Clubs.

Most phases of physical education were covered, with association football, rugby and netball training, gymnastics, folk dancing, boxing and wrestling forming a large part of the clubs' activities. The central swimming group inaugurated in October last year continues to meet on two nights each week. Tennis, too, is being encouraged in the clubs now that more facilities for playing have become available.

A refresher course for men teachers of physical training was held at Rawthorpe County Secondary School, and proved so valuable that it is hoped to continue in 1959.

The highlights of the year were the Display of Physical Activities in the Town Hall and the Swimming Gala at Cambridge Road Baths, both events being held as part of the Youth Festival Week.

Other activities undertaken during the year by the Huddersfield Youth Committee were:—

- (i) The Huddersfield Youth Athletic Sports Championships at Leeds Road Playing Fields in June.
- (ii) The weekly fixtures of the Youth Netball league in which 18 teams took part.
- (iii) The Huddersfield Youth Swimming gala in July at Cambridge Road Baths.
- (iv) A triangular netball rally with Halifax and York at Lockwood Youth Club.

The Huddersfield Youth Clubs also took part in the following Yorkshire Youth Sports' Association activities:—

- (i) The Badminton Competition at Huddersfield.
- (ii) The Athletics Sports at Harrogate in July.
- (iii) The Swimming Gala at Doncaster in September.
- (iv) Netball tournament at Sheffield in June where the Junior team only lost one game.

Thanks are again due to Mr. D. Swann, the Youth Officer, and his willing band of Youth Leaders for their untiring efforts in creating enthusiasm for physical education amongst the Civic Youth Clubs, and for their close co-operation with this department at all times.

6. CONCLUSION

In concluding this report, I would like to express my appreciation of the generous help received from the Chief Education Officer and his personal staff and the helpful and willing co-operation of the official staff. The year has also seen a continuation of the friendly co-operation between the Huddersfield teachers and this department.

The encouragement given by the Education Committee to physical education is a stimulus at all times.

